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# The Lancaster Reading Room

By WILLIAM FREDERIC WORNER

Among the rare books in the valuable library of the Hon. Charles I. Landis, presiding judge of the Second Judicial District, Lancaster county, Pa., is a pamphlet entitled:

“Articles  
of  
ASSOCIATION  
OF THE  
LANCASTER READING ROOM,  
to which are added,  
THE RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE ROOM,  
AND OF THE LIBRARY; A LIST OF THE OFFICERS  
AND SUBSCRIBERS, ETC.,  
Together With  
A CATALOGUE OF THE BOOKS, ETC.,  
Belonging to the Institution.

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Lancaster  
Printed by HUGH MAXWELL

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1827.”

This is one of the rarest issues of our local press. The book was owned, originally, by the late Julius Friedrich Sachse, librarian of the Masonic Temple, Philadelphia. After his death, it was purchased by Judge Landis. It is probably the only copy of this unique publication that has survived; and is of special interest to historians and antiquarians of Lancaster county, Pa.

The Lancaster Journal of Friday, April 13th, 1827, contains an announcement, as follows:

“A Reading Room, in which the American and foreign Reviews, and other periodical literary publications, together with the newspapers of our most important cities and towns, are taken, has recently been established in this city.

“A small Library of well selected books, is already annexed to the reading room, and there are strong hopes of its being increased by the remains of two public libraries, which many years

ago existed in this place, and which certainly cannot be disposed of to more advantage; besides there are prospects of liberal private donations of books."

In the "Articles of Association of the Lancaster Reading Room," published in 1827, appears an introduction as follows:

"To the Public.

"In nearly all the Boroughs and principal Towns in this State, there exists a public Institution, in which the Political, Literary and Scientific Journals of the day may be found; and frequently with them a respectable collection of standard Books, to which are sometimes added, public lectures on the different branches of knowledge.

"A number of gentlemen, viewing with regret the want of such an institution in this respectable city, in April last associated in an attempt to establish one. The progress already made they now submit to the citizens of Lancaster, leaving it for the reverend Clergy, literary and professional Gentlemen, Merchants and respectable Mechanics, to say how far it is worthy of patronage; and, if properly supported, whether it will not induce the Youths engaged in study, and the industrious Apprentices of our city, to seek in their hours of leisure solid and substantial amusement, by visiting the reading room; acquiring a knowledge of passing events from the Newspapers; gathering useful and important information from the literary and scientific Journals of the day, and returning home with some useful and entertaining book.

"The members of the Association would be deficient in their duty, and do injustice to their own feelings, were they to neglect this occasion of presenting their grateful thanks to the young gentlemen, lately composing the 'Belles Lettres Society', for the donation of their valuable collection of Books, comprising nearly two hundred and fifty volumes of choice works, by which they have been enabled, at this early period, to realize, in part, their first and anxious expectations of a Library.

"The articles of association, and the rules and regulations of the Room and Library have been drawn up and adapted to the infant state of the institution, and though considered sufficient for the regulation of the present association, yet the expectation is confidently indulged that a period will ere long arrive when the prosperity of this Institution will be such as to require their alteration to regulate an establishment not inferior to any of a similar kind in our sister cities.

"Books, Atlases, Maps, etc. will be gratefully received as donations, or on deposit, for the use of the Room, and a correct list of the donors and depositors will be kept and published annually."

In the copy of the book owned by Judge Landis appear the "Articles of Association of the Lancaster Reading Room," as follows:

#### ARTICLE I.

This association is for the purpose of procuring Newspapers of different States and Countries, and periodical works of literary and scientific character.

#### ARTICLE II.

The name of the association shall be, the "Lancaster Reading Room."

#### ARTICLE III.

No person shall hereafter be permitted to become a Subscriber to the Lancaster Reading Room unless he shall first pay to the Treasurer the sum of Ten dollars.

#### ARTICLE IV.

Each of the subscribers shall, annually, on the second Monday of April, pay the sum of ten dollars, in advance, to the Treasurer for the use of the association; and in case of refusal so to do for the space of two weeks after demand made, he shall not thereafter be permitted to use the books, papers and reviews of the reading room.

#### ARTICLE V.

The members of the association shall meet at the reading room on the second Monday of April, August, November and January, at seven o'clock, P. M., and adjournments of such meetings may be made when necessary.

#### ARTICLE VI.

The members of the association shall, at their meeting on the second Monday of April, and on the same day, annually, thereafter, choose a President, a Treasurer, a Secretary, and a Committee of Superintendence, to consist of seven Members.

#### ARTICLE VII.

The Treasurer shall receive the monies of the institution, and pay the same upon the order of the Committee of Superintendence. He shall twice in each year lay before the association a correct statement of receipts and expenditures, and of the funds remaining in his hands.

#### ARTICLE VIII.

It shall be the duty of the Secretary to attend the meetings of the association, and to keep fair minutes of all their proceed-

ings. He shall also attend at the room to take care it is sufficiently warmed, cleansed and lighted; and that the Books, Papers, and other property be kept in order and not abused; and, generally, he shall perform all reasonable and customary duties incident to the office of Secretary.

#### ARTICLE IX.

It shall be the duty of the Committee of Superintendence to purchase Newspapers and periodical works: to superintend the rooms: to enforce the regulations of the association for the Government thereof: to report to the association, for their order thereon, such breaches as the Committee shall think deserving of animadversion: and to propose from time to time such improvements in the regulations of the Institution as their experience may suggest. This committee shall also have the power to make purchases of Wood, Candles, Oil, and other articles, for the use of the room.

#### ARTICLE X.

The Reading Room shall be opened every day in the week, from eight o'clock A. M. till ten o'clock P. M., and no Member of the association shall be permitted to remove from the room any Review, Pamphlet, or Newspaper; provided, however, that Reviews, and Pamphlets may be taken from the room by the Subscribers for a reasonable time, three months after they shall have been received, under such rules and regulations as the committee of superintendence may adopt.

#### ARTICLE XI.

Clergymen of all denominations resident within the City of Lancaster, shall be admitted gratis to the use of the room, and Strangers shall be admitted to visit the room upon introduction of a Subscriber for a time not exceeding one month.

The rules and regulations of the Lancaster Reading Room were as follows:

#### RULE I.

All Books, Reviews, Magazines, Pamphlets, and Newspapers, shall be returned to the place from whence they were taken by the reader before he leaves the room, when he shall have no further use for them, under the penalty of twenty-five cents for each offence.

#### RULE II.

No conversation, smoking, or disturbance of any kind, shall be permitted in the room, under the penalty of twenty-five cents for each offence.

#### RULE III.

All citizens of Lancaster County, resident without the bounds

of the City, shall be considered as Strangers; and upon the introduction of a Member, receive admission into the room.

The rules and regulations of the library of the Lancaster Reading Room were as follows:

#### RULE I.

Each Subscriber shall be allowed to take out one set of books at a time, which may be kept one week. One Folio or Quarto, two Octavo or Duodecimo volumes, considered equal to a set.

#### RULE II.

Books detained longer than the time specified, are to be paid for at the following rates:—two cents per vol. per day for one month; when the price of the book, in addition to the fines, shall be paid. If the volume or volumes thus detained be a part of a work, or set, the whole set to be paid for. Books defaced or torn, to be paid for.

#### RULE III.

Books by no means transferable from one Subscriber to another, or loaned to non-Subscribers; under a penalty for each offence of fifty cents.

#### RULE IV.

Books will be delivered to, or received from, Subscribers on Wednesdays and Saturdays, from eight o'clock to nine A. M., from the first of April to the first of October, and from nine o'clock to ten A. M., the residue of the year; and at such other times as the Librarian may attend: but it is distinctly understood, that the above stated hours, are the only times that strict attention is expected from him.

#### RULE V.

Any Subscriber taking a book out of the room before informing the Librarian and giving him time to charge the same, shall for each offence pay a fine of One Dollar.

The officers of the Lancaster Reading Room were among the most influential citizens of the town. William Jenkins, Esq., was president, George Louis Mayer, treasurer, and Daniel Moore, secretary and librarian.

The committee of superintendence, of which Hon. Alexander Thomson was chairman, consisted of the following: John Reynolds, Frederick Augustus Muhlenberg, William Norris, Evan R. Evans, John R. Montgomery, Gilbert Rodman, Jr., and Daniel Moore, secretary.



The subscribers were:

Buchanan, James  
Brien, Edward H.  
Bachman, Christian  
Bachman, John (Junr.)  
Bear, John  
Cheves, Langdon  
Champneys, Benjamin  
Clark, Edward  
Carpenter, Abraham  
Carpenter, Isaac B.  
Evans, Evan R.  
Evans, James  
Evans, Robert  
Franklin, Walter  
Getz, John  
Hager, Christopher  
Humes, Samuel (Junr.)  
Hopkins, Washington  
Jenkins, William  
Jacobs, Cyrus S.  
Kauffman, Andrew B.  
Lane, John N.

Lightner, Nathaniel  
Muhlenberg, Frederick A.  
Mayer, George Louis  
Moore, Daniel  
McKelly, Mathew  
Montgomery, John R.  
Mayer, John B.  
Maxwell, Hugh  
Norris, William  
Ogilby, Joseph  
Parke, Samuel  
Reigart, Emanuel C.  
Ross, Patton  
Rogers, Molton C.  
Rogers, Henry  
Rodman, Gilbert (Junr.)  
Reynolds, John  
Reigart, Wager P.  
Reigart, John  
Slaymaker, Jasper  
Steinman, John F.  
Sample, Nathaniel W.

Thompson, Alexander

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## The Handelian Society of Lancaster

By WILLIAM FREDERIC WORNER

THE Lancaster Journal of Friday, March 7th, 1823, contained an announcement that the Handelian Society of Lancaster would present to its friends and the public an oratorio, or concert, of sacred music, vocal and instrumental, in Saint James's Protestant Episcopal church, on Tuesday evening, March 11th, under the direction of Mr. Samuel Dyer, teacher of music, assisted by several gentlemen, amateurs from Lititz, who had kindly consented to render their services on this occasion.

Those desiring to attend the oratorio, and who felt inclined to patronize this first public effort of the society to promote improvement in the rendering of church music, were informed that subscription papers were left for signature at the Misses Jordans' circulating library; at the offices of Mr. Hugh Maxwell, Mrs. Mary Dickson, Mr. John Reynolds; and with the members of the society, who would also furnish pamphlets containing the words of the several pieces.



On the evening indicated, the following program was to be rendered, according to an advertisement in the Lancaster Journal of Friday, March 7th, 1823:

Organ,

PART 1ST.

Chorus — "Praise the Lord",  
Anthem — Psalm 150,  
Quartette — Morning Hymn,  
Air, Mr. Dyer — The Polar Star,  
Hymn for Thanksgiving,  
Vesper Hymn,  
Duetto — "Who's This That on the Tempest Rides?"  
Chorus — Loretto,  
The Dying Christian,

Mr. G. Beckel

Haydn  
Meineke  
Mozart  
O. Shaw  
Dr. Stevenson  
Russian Air  
O. Shaw  
Whitaker  
Harwood

PART 2ND.

Litany,  
Trio and Chorus — Miriam's Song,  
Air, Mr. Dyer — "O had I Jubal's Lyre",  
Chorus — The Marv'lous Works,  
Trio and Chorus — The Voice of Peace,  
Solo and Chorus — Strike the Cymbal,

J. H. Swindell  
Avison  
Handel  
Haydn  
Mazzinghi  
Pucitta

This concert, given in Saint James's church, was received with such general approbation that it was decided to repeat it in Trinity Lutheran church on Tuesday evening, April 8th. During this second concert, a collection was taken; and, after the expenses were deducted, the proceeds, in two equal shares, were appropriated to the use of the "Female Society for the Promotion of Industry," and to the "Female Benevolent Society."

The Lancaster Journal of Friday, April 11th, 1823, in an editorial, referred to the oratorio as follows:

"A numerous and highly respectable audience assembled on Tuesday evening last, to hear a second performance of the oratorio, in the German Lutheran church (in this city) under the direction of Mr. Dyer, professor of vocal music; and we are happy in stating that our own impressions of the excellence of the performance, and the judicious selection of the several pieces executed, are corroborated by the united opinion of all those we have conversed with, who were present on this interesting occasion.

"We feel disposed to express our sentiments of the entire exhibition as being alike creditable to the conductor and the Handelians Society, who composed the choir. The singing of the ladies generally, but particularly in the quartetto, 'Happy the Land', and the duetto, 'O Lovely Peace', by two of them, was peculiarly grateful and pleasing, and commanded the utmost silence, and a marked attention, throughout the assembly.

"Mr. Dyer's reputation as a teacher and accomplished singer, is well known in nearly all the principal cities of the Union, and

we are pleased that this gentleman has been induced to visit our city and to afford us an opportunity of witnessing the performance of a concert of sacred music, under his direction. Improvement in the execution of this part of public worship is much needed with us, and we hope the late exhibitions may contribute to effect this desirable object.

"We must not omit, in this hasty notice, the merits of the gentlemen who presided in the instrumental department, as well as that of the organist, to whom we are also indebted for much of the sublime effect produced by this oratorio, the first which has been brought forward in this place."

Mr. Samuel Dyer, who conducted the two performances, came to Lancaster from Baltimore. He stayed here for a brief time. In the Lancaster Journal of Friday, February 28th, 1823, was an advertisement in which Mr. Dyer announced to the citizens of Lancaster that he had commenced a course of lessons in vocal sacred music to be held on Monday evening of each week, for one quarter, in the school room attached to Saint James's Protestant Episcopal church. The tuition for the course of lessons was two dollars. Prospective scholars were referred to Rev. Dr. C. L. F. Endress, Rev. William Augustus Muhlenberg and Rev. John Elliott, who would be glad to furnish information.

In calling the attention of the public to the distinguished talents of this musician, the Lancaster Journal of Friday, February 28th, 1823, stated, in an editorial, as follows:

"Apart from the relish we possess for vocal melody, and which would at any time cause us to deal favorably with an instructor, we are more immediately called upon to do so in this instance in consequence of having witnessed the performances of Mr. Dyer. It is not saying too much to designate him as singularly meritorious in a profession which requires, more than any other, a delicacy of ear and judiciousness of taste. We are sure that his peculiar talent and fidelity to his engagements will produce full satisfaction in those who may place themselves under his instruction.

"All those who deem it a duty to repair on the Sabbath to the house of worship, must be sensible of the powerful effect which sacred music produces upon the devotional feelings, even if they do not deem it *essential*, it is modulating the mind to that true spirit of reverential fervor which should distinguish the exercises of devotion. Every one must, at some period of life, have been shocked at the discordant notes which, although intended as praise to the Most High, have had no other effect than to disturb the temper or shake the risible nerves of an audience; and we are satisfied that there is no one more competent than Mr. Dyer to render

Psalmody what it should always be an harmonious offering to the Deity, calculated to tranquilize the passions and inspire the veneration of man."

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It seems that after Mr. Dyer's departure from Lancaster, the Handelian Society disbanded, as subsequent issues of local papers contain no references to this worth-while organization.

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## Lancaster In 1766

By WILLIAM FREDERIC WORNER

**T**HE Hon. Charles I. Landis, President Judge of the Second Judicial District of Pennsylvania, owns a rare treasure in the form of an original copy of "The Charter, Laws, Catalogue of Books, List of Philosophical Instruments, etc., of the Juliana Library Company in Lancaster," printed in 1766, by D. Hall and W. Sellers, Philadelphia.

On page 10 of this unique publication is an interesting description of Lancaster borough as it was in 1766. It is as follows:

"The culture of hemp and hops seems to be much attended to by the farmers of this county, who annually send large quantities of both these articles to the metropolis [Philadelphia]. The number of wagons continually employed in carrying the produce of this place to market, is incredible. The inhabitants are chiefly Germans, to whose economy, unwearied labor and industry the county is principally indebted for the wealth and reputation it so deservedly possesses.

"The county town (which in the year 1742 was incorporated into a borough, with a power of holding fairs and markets, etc.), contains at least six hundred houses, many of which are extremely neat, and make a good appearance, being built of brick and cut stone. It contains, at a moderate medium of five to a family, about three thousand souls. The lowness and unevenness of its situation are amply compensated by its convenience for trade.

"Amongst the public buildings there are seven places of worship. Of these, the new German Lutheran church is justly esteemed one of the most elegant and finished pieces of architecture in the province. There are three regular fire companies established here which have two good fire engines, etc., and meet once a month to examine into the state of the houses, and to devise methods for the more effectual preservation of them from the dreadful accidents of fire.

"The town has for many years supported a good grammar school, which is now likely to be reduced for want of proper en-

couragement; though no place seems better calculated for an institution of this kind, as it enjoys pure air, a remarkably healthy situation, and a plentiful market, besides many other advantages.

"In the mechanic arts this place also produces many ingenious workmen, some of whom are deemed not inferior to those of any place in the province. They have exhibited sufficient proofs of their skill in their respective occupations.

"On the whole, it may be observed, without incurring the censure of partiality, that Lancaster stands foremost of all inland towns on the continent of America."

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## Duel in Lancaster County

By WILLIAM FREDERIC WORNER

**O**N Wednesday, April 22nd, 1818, a tragic event occurred in the neighborhood of Washington Borough, Lancaster County, Pa., which placed the then prevailing custom of dueling even in a more criminal light than usual.

A citizen of Columbia and another of Washington Borough met at a public place and engaged in an argument, which became so heated that it finally resulted in a challenge by one and its acceptance by the other. An immediate settlement of the dispute, by the use of firearms, was determined upon. Not being able to procure pistols, a rifle and a double barrel gun were borrowed—the choice of which weapon each should use being decided by lot. The parties immediately repaired to a secluded spot, attended by their seconds and a surgeon, with others also who had heard the discussion from its beginning. The disputants took their places, twenty paces apart. The word "Fire" being given, the shot gun failed to discharge, while the ball from the rifle took effect. The man from Columbia fell. Either the sudden horror of sending a fellow-being out of the world, totally unprepared, or the acute sense of self-preservation, had its immediate effect on the man from Washington Borough, for he threw down the rifle and disappeared.

The Lancaster Journal of Monday, April 27th, 1818, in commenting on the tragic affair, said, "The damage is, on the whole, not quite so great as at first expected, for the wounded man is said to be out of danger; but in consequence of his sudden fall, the stock of the poor double barrel gun was broken and will probably have to be condemned, instead of either of the violators of the law."

# Lightning Strikes Spire of Trinity Lutheran Church

By WILLIAM FREDERIC WORNER

**O**N Tuesday, May 13th, 1823, between one and two o'clock in the afternoon, the beautiful spire of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Holy Trinity, pride of Lancaster, and an ancient land-mark, was struck by lightning. A portion of the upper part of the rod was melted and the remainder so much heated as to retain its warmth for a considerable time.

The Lancaster Journal of Friday, May 16th, 1823, stated:

"The dust or smoke which was observed to issue from the upper part of the steeple, which is of wood, induced a belief that it was on fire. An alarm was consequently given and the bells rung, but, upon examination, there appeared to be no damage done to any part of the building, except the windows, in which upwards of 300 panes of glass were broken.

"The rod which conducted the fluid is composed of different pieces of iron fastened together by having at the ends rings turned through each other, and wherever the rods were so joined, the rings are distinctly marked on the adjoining wall or wood, by a black circle, as though it had been scorched.

"It is somewhat singular that this was the only flash of lightning seen, and the only clap of thunder heard, during the whole of the day, which was so cold as to be uncomfortable without a good fire."

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## Auditors' Report

Lancaster, Pa.,  
January 1, 1930.

The Lancaster County Historical Society,  
Lancaster, Pa.

We, the undersigned, auditors, appointed to examine the accounts of A. K. Hostetter, Treasurer of your Society, do hereby certify that we have audited said accounts and find them correct as stated therein, showing a balance on hand at the beginning of the year to have been \$157.95. The receipts for the year were \$2,725.85, and the payments \$2,581.79, thus leaving a balance on hand at the beginning of the year 1930, of \$302.01.

The Marker Fund, which one year ago amounted to \$323.27, has been increased \$185.00, and now aggregates, with interest of \$20.52, to \$528.79, as per Savings Book No. 3253 in The Conestoga National Bank.

The mortgage indebtedness on our home has not been reduced during the year, but remains \$2,500.00, as previously.

D. B. LANDIS,  
L. B. HERR,  
I. C. ARNOLD,

*Auditing Committee.*

# Treasurer's Annual Report

Report of the Treasurer of The Lancaster County Historical Society, for the year ending December 31, 1929.

Balance on hand January 1, 1929 .....\$ 157.95

## RECEIPTS:

Legacy from Estate of John Collins, Dec'd.....	\$ 13.51	
Proceeds from Lyceum .....	5.75	
County Appropriation .....	600.00	
Sale of books, New York Historical Society .....	43.50	
Membership Dues, J. W. Lippold .....	1,740.00	
Marker Dues, J. W. Lippold .....	185.00	
House Rent, Gnagey .....	41.25	
House Rent, Hiestand .....	88.34	
Sale of Pamphlets .....	8.50	
		<u>\$2,725.85</u>
Total .....		\$2,883.80

## EXPENDITURES:

Savings Account in Conestoga National Bank .....	\$ 185.00	
State Federation, Annual Dues .....	5.00	
Conestoga Publishing Co., Printing Pamphlets .....	812.80	
Printing Stationery .....	67.58	
Postage .....	91.14	
Electric Lighting .....	14.80	
Photo Engraving .....	9.18	
Water Rent .....	6.00	
Rugs, Shades and Linoleum .....	102.91	
Books .....	11.00	
P. O. Box Rent .....	8.00	
Drayage .....	44.50	
Ash Barrels .....	8.35	
Interest .....	135.00	
Librarian's Use .....	50.00	
Book Binding .....	31.90	
Repairs .....	144.56	
Filing and Counter Cases .....	134.40	
Paints and Painting .....	136.60	
Telephone .....	15.39	
Coal .....	226.32	
County Tax .....	19.95	
Paper Hanging .....	52.68	
Paving in Rear .....	253.83	
Lawn Mower .....	6.90	
Picnic Chairs .....	5.00	
Framing .....	3.00	
Total .....		<u>\$2,581.79</u>
January 1, 1930—Balance .....		\$ 302.01

Respectfully submitted,

A. K. HOSTETTER,

*Treasurer.*



# Obituaries

Prepared by Albert K. Hostetter

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## JOHN F. RUTH

John F. Ruth, aged 75, vice-president of the Fulton National bank, died at his home in Lititz, January 11th, 1929. He is survived by two sons—Samuel M. of Rothsville, and John Lowry Ruth, president of The Lancaster Trust Company, of this city. Interment was in the Lutheran cemetery, Rothsville.

## THOMAS C. WRIGHT

Thomas C. Wright, aged 76, died at his home in Millersville, January 24th, 1929. He was a member of Zion Reformed church of Millersville, and of I. O. O. F. No. 334. Interment was in Chanceford Presbyterian cemetery, York county.

## MRS. LYDIA E. MARTIN

Mrs. Lydia E. Martin, widow of the late Dr. Aaron W. Martin, died February 1st, 1929, at her home, 968 East Orange street, this city. Mrs. Martin was a daughter of the late Isaac and Elizabeth Richmond, and is survived by one daughter—Miss Elizabeth Martin, and two sisters, Mrs. Anna Bosworth and Miss Martha Richmond. She was a member of the Advent Lutheran church. Interment was in Greenwood cemetery.

## DANIEL H. WENGER

Daniel H. Wenger, realtor and former councilman, died March 18th, 1929, at his home, 42 East Chestnut street, from a complication of diseases. He was a member of the First Methodist Episcopal church. His wife is the only surviving relative. Interment was in Greenwood cemetery.

## MISS SUSAN M. HOLBROOK

Miss Susan M. Holbrook died at her home, 332 East Orange street, March 31st, 1929, after an illness of about one year. She was a daughter of the late Marcus and Rebecca Holbrook. Two brothers survive—R. W. Holbrook and Marcus D. Holbrook. Interment was in Greenwood cemetery.

## GEORGE H. ROTHERMEL

George H. Rothermel, aged 91, a former resident of this city, died April 12th, 1929, at the home of his son, John, in Washington, D. C. He was foreman in the Wickersham Printing Company for many years. He was a member of Trinity Lutheran church; Lodge 43, F. & A. M.; Chapter 43, R. A. M.; Goodwin Council, No. 19, R. S. M.; and Lancaster Commandery, No. 13, Knights Templar. Interment was in Woodward Hill cemetery.



#### HUGH M. NORTH, JR.

Hugh M. North, Jr., a prominent attorney and financier, aged 56, died at his home, 229 East Orange street, May 20th, 1929. He was a descendant of a distinguished line of lawyers, having been a son of the late Hugh M. and Serena Mayer North. He was president of the First Columbia National bank for a number of years, and was prominently identified with numerous other organizations—financial, commercial and fraternal. Mr. North is survived by his wife—Elizabeth Cottman North; and a sister, Mrs. Joseph B. Hutchinson.

#### THOMAS R. ANKRIM

Thomas R. Ankrim died at his home, in Chestnut Level, on June 9th, 1929, aged 64 years. He was a director of the Quarryville National bank, a trustee of the Chestnut Level Presbyterian church, and a member of the Masonic Order and the Knights of the Golden Eagle. He is survived by his wife, who before marriage was Zella Wentz. Interment was in Chestnut Level cemetery.

#### MRS. MADELINE VOIGHT CASSEL

Mrs. Madeline Voight Cassel, widow of the late H. Burd Cassel, died at her home, in Marietta, July 9th, 1929, aged 53. She is survived by three brothers—Alfred, of Arizona; Edwin, of Pearl River, N. J., and Henry, of Vineland, N. J. She was a member of the Presbyterian church, Marietta, and was very active in civic affairs.

#### CYRUS T. FOX

Cyrus T. Fox, an ardent historian, died at his home, in Reading, July 12th, 1929, aged 82, due to pneumonia. He was extensively interested in newspaper work for many years as editor and contributor; and was a prolific writer of historic articles. He was closely associated with state horticultural and agricultural research work. He was one of the organizers of the Conrad Weiser Memorial Park association.

#### MISS AMANDA LANDES

Miss Amanda Landes, an elocutionist, a veteran Millersville teacher, and a pioneer temperance worker, died July 21st, 1929, at her home in this city, after an illness of four months. She is survived by one brother—Dr. William G. Landes, of Albany, N. Y. She was a daughter of John S. and Catharine Landes. Interment was in Woodward Hill cemetery.

#### MRS. ADELAIDE C. ROHRER

Mrs. Adelaide C. Rohrer, wife of Dr. George R. Rohrer, died at her home, on East Orange street, August 11th, 1929, after an illness of eight weeks. She was a member of the First Presbyterian church. Besides her husband, she is survived by three sons—George H., of Mertztown, Henry A., of this city, and John Jay, of Ellwood City. Interment was in Greenwood cemetery.

#### MRS. ANNIE C. ROHRER

Mrs. Annie C. Rohrer, widow of Du Bois Rohrer, died September 21st, 1929, at her home, 420 North Duke street. She is survived by a sister—Mrs. Harriet Alexander, of Norwood, Pa. Interment was in Lancaster cemetery.

#### MISS MARY E. MUHLENBERG

Miss Mary E. Muhlenberg, daughter of the late Dr. Henry E. and Catherine Muhlenberg, died at her home, in this city, September 7th, 1929, of pneumonia. She was a member of St. James's Protestant Episcopal church, and was active in its work and the church school. Interment was in Woodward Hill cemetery.

#### GEORGE B. WILLSON

George B. Willson, owner of "Wheatland," died at his home, from heart trouble, September 14th, 1929, while reading a newspaper. He was active in developing real estate in the western part of our city. He was the first person to advocate the harnessing of the Conestoga river for electrical purposes at Slack Water, and was also interested in the Pennsylvania Power Company, at Holtwood.

#### JOHN K. WOERTH

John K. Woerth died at his home, 609 West Lemon street, on November 9th, 1929. He was engaged in building and contracting; and was a school-teacher for many years. He was a member of Trinity Lutheran church, and of Lodge No. 43, F. & A. M.

#### WILLIAM WALTON GRIEST

Congressman William Walton Griest died December 5th, 1929, at the Park hotel, Mt. Clemens, Michigan, where for six months he had been under treatment for arthritis. He was the dean of the Representatives from Pennsylvania, and the Republican leader of our county. In the early years of The Lancaster County Historical Society, he was greatly interested in its welfare, and served as its first corresponding secretary. Politically, he served as county commissioner, and as secretary of the Commonwealth under Governor Stone; he was also a member of the State Board of Pardons, and the State Sinking Fund Commission. He was elected to congress in 1909, and proved a powerful factor in legislative work. He is survived by his wife and two children—Rebecca and George. Interment was in Woodward Hill cemetery.

#### MRS. HENRY R. SNAVELY

Mrs. Henry R. Snavely died at her home, near Manheim, December 6th, 1929, after a brief illness. She was a member of the Reformed church of East Petersburg. She is survived by her husband and three daughters—Ella and Rose at home, and Mrs. Irvin R. Taylor, of Providence, R. I. Interment was in Kauffman's Mennonite cemetery.

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The regular meetings of the Society are held on the first Friday of each month, from September to June, inclusive, at 7:30 P. M., in the Society's building, 307 North Duke street, Lancaster, Pa. No meetings are held during July and August.

Every person whose heart beats responsive to the effort to preserve the history and traditions of our noble county, is specially invited to become a member of this Society. Application blanks may be had at the building or through the officers.

Annual dues, \$3.00; Marker dues, \$5.00 in addition to the annual dues. This additional \$5.00 becomes a part of a fund created for the purpose of erecting tablets on old buildings and for marking other sites of historical interest in Lancaster city and county. Sustaining Membership, \$10.00; Life Membership, \$100.00.

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